

CIA Employee Drowns at Falls Wife Safe

Firemen from Great Falls, McLean and Herndon searched the Potomac River below Great Falls this week for the body of a Central Intelligence Agency employee who was believed to have drowned Saturday.

His wife told police that she and her husband "jumped in together" above the falls.

The CIA employee was James A. Woodbury, 31, of 1412 North Hartford Street, Arlington. His wife, Dorothy, 32, said that both she and her husband "wanted to die" because he had been assigned to a duty he didn't want and "they wouldn't release him from it."

James G. Watt, superintendent of Fairfax County parks, said Mrs. Woodbury was found on rocks at "The Spout."

Roy Willingham, of Forestville, said he was standing at an observation post when he saw a man flailing the water with his arms and trying to catch hold of rocks as he plunged over the falls. Mr. Willingham later spotted Mrs. Woodbury, soaking wet and in her stocking feet, along the river bank.

Mrs. Woodbury was taken to Arlington Hospital for treatment for shock, then was transferred to Washington Hospital Center.

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